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MEETING MAY 9 AND 10 ON NOVEMBER MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

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1. FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTS REF (A). ACTION PROPOSALS
FOR URBAN ENVIRONMENT SECTOR GROUP (ENV/MIN/74.7 ANNEX 5)
UK OFFERED SOME AMENDMENTS. HERTER HAS LANGUAGE.
OTHERWISE RECOMMENDATIONS ACCEPTED.

2. ROLE OF SUB-COMMITTEE OF ECONOMIC EXPERTS (AEU/ENV/
74.7) AND PROPOSED MANDATE WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY GROUP
(ENV(74)14): THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION THESE PAPERS.

3. DECLARATION: FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH INNUMERABLE SUGGE
SUGGESTIONS. SECRETARIAT WILL ISSUE NEW DRAFT FILLED
WITH ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE FOR FINAL RESOLUTION JULY
MEETING ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

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4. DOCUMENTS ON ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT (ENV/EN/

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74.10 AND NRV/ENV(74)1ST REVISION AND ENV/74.16) DISCUSSED TOGETHER. SECRETARIAT STRENGTHENED PLEA IN NR/ENV/74.11 THAT LATTER DOCUMENT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS ADEQUATE. A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS INCLUDING THE US INSISTED THAT ADDITIONAL WORK, CHANGE OF EMPHASIS AND INFORMATION WAS REQUIRED. SECRETARIAT ADAMANT, REFLECTING NOTE BY SECRETARY-GENERAL C(74)82 BRINGING FORWARD COMPLETION DATE OF LONG-TERM ENERGY ASSESSMENT, THAT ENVIRONMENT-ENERGY REPORT BE PASSED TO PROFESSOR SCHNEIDER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. COMPROMISE REACHED THAT NR/ENV/74.11 WITH BRACKETED COMMENTS BY CONCERNED DELEGATIONS WOULD BE RE-ISSUED AND PASSED TO SCHNEIDER. IT WOULD BE MADE CLEAR HOWEVER, THAT SUCH DOCUMENT STILL DID NOT HAVE COMPLETE APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS (ENV/74.15). SEVERAL DELEGATIONS INCLUDING US FELT PRESENT DOCUMENT TOO SIMPLISTIC AND DID NOT CONTRIBUTE MUCH BEYOND DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THE PAPER AND OTHER OECD PUBLICATIONS SUCH AS "LIST OF SOCIAL CONCERNS". NO FURTHER DISCUSSION BUT SECRETARIAT PROMISED TO TAKE COMMENTS INTO ACCOUNT IN PREPARING NEW PAPER ON INDICATORS.

6. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH REAFFIRMATION BY NORWAY OF THEIR CONCERN OF DEFERMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR ACTION TO REDUCE EMISSIONS OF SULPHUR OXIDES AND PARTICULATE MATTER FROM FUEL COMBUSTION IN STATIONARY SOURCES REF (B). NORWAY NOTED THAT "ONE GOVERNMENT" (UK) HAD HAD SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT AGREEMENTS AS REPORTED IN REFTEL AND EXPRESSED THESE THOUGHTS AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON APRIL 17. UK INTERVENED WITH A PLEA TO SEE WHAT OCCURS AT NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND STATED THAT THERE WAS NO POINT IN GOING BACK TO WHAT HAD OCCURRED AT MARCH 22 MEETING. JAPAN EMPHASIZED THE COMPROMISE ON THE PART OF EXPERTS INCLUDING THOSE FROM UK. NORWAY ALSO STATED THAT DOCUMENT C(74)16 SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DID NOT ACCURATELY REFLECT WHAT HAD OCCURRED AT THE MARCH 22 MEETING AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ACCURATE REPORT OF WHAT HAD OCCURRED COULD SOMEHOW BE UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMUNICATED TO SECGEN. UK INTERVENED AGAIN TO EMPHASIZE THAT AT THIS STAGE THE MATTER DID NOT REST WITH EXPERTS BUT WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ALL S SHOULD WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS THERE. NORWAY CLOSED THE DISCUSSION TO STATE THAT IT WAS NOT SATISFIED AND THAT THE SITUATION WAS SO ALARMING AS TO MERIT DISCUSSION ON A GOVERNMENT LEVEL AT THIS STAGE AND THAT THEY WOULD BE REQUESTING MINISTER TO MINISTER

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DISCUSSION OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED.
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